

PARTIES

6. Plaintiff is a natural person who resides in Cleveland, Ohio and is allegedly obligated to pay a debt, and Plaintiff is a "consumer" as that term is defined by *15 U.S.C. 1692a(3)*.
7. Pursuant to the definitions outlined in *15 U.S.C. 1692a(1-6)*, Defendant is a debt collector and sought to collect a consumer debt from Plaintiff which was allegedly due and owing from Plaintiff, and Plaintiff is a consumer debtor.
8. Defendant is a national corporation with its headquarters in Anaheim, California.
9. Defendant uses instrumentalities of interstate commerce or the mails in any business the principal purpose of which is the collection of any debts, or who regularly collects or attempts to collect, directly or indirectly, debts owed or due or asserted to be owed or due another and is a "debt collector" as that term is defined by *15 U.S.C. § 1692a(6)*.
10. Defendant is a collection agency that in the ordinary course of business, regularly, on behalf of itself or others, engages in debt collection.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

11. Defendant constantly and continuously places collection calls to Plaintiff seeking and demanding payment for an alleged debt owed on a student loan.
12. Defendant used rude and abusive language while seeking and demanding payment for the alleged consumer debt.
13. Defendant failed to properly identify itself as a debt collector when contacting Plaintiff.
14. Defendant threatened to garnish Plaintiff's wages while seeking and demanding payment for the alleged consumer debt.
15. Defendant contacted Plaintiff multiple times after Plaintiff requested Defendant cease and desist all communications.

COUNT I
DEFENDANT VIOLATED THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT

16. Defendant violated the FDCPA based on the following:

- a. Defendant violated §1692c(a)(1) of the FDCPA by contacting Plaintiff at a time and place known to be inconvenient.
- b. Defendant violated §1692d of the FDCPA by engaging in conduct the natural consequence of which is to harass, oppress, or abuse the Plaintiff in connection with the collection of a debt.
- c. Defendant violated §1692d(2) of the FDCPA by using rude and abusive language while seeking and demanding payment for the alleged consumer debt.
- d. Defendant violated §1692d(5) of the FDCPA by causing a telephone to ring and engaging Plaintiff in telephone conversations repeatedly and continuously with the intent to annoy, abuse, and harass Plaintiff.
- e. Defendant violated §1692d(6) of the FDCPA by placing telephone calls without disclosing his/her identity.
- f. Defendant violated §1692e(2)(A) of the FDCPA by falsely representing the character, amount, and legal status of Plaintiff's.
- g. Defendant violated §1692e(4) of the FDCPA by threatening that the nonpayment of the alleged debt will result in garnishment.
- h. Defendant violated §1692e(5) of the FDCPA by threatening to file a lawsuit against Plaintiff even though Defendant does not intend to do so.
- i. Defendant violated §1692e(10) of the FDCPA by using deceptive means to attempt to collect a debt because Defendant does not owe the alleged debt.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, TEIA THOMAS respectfully requests judgment be entered against Defendant, COAST PFORESSIONAL, INC. for the following:

17. Declaratory judgment that Defendant's conduct violated the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act,
18. Statutory damages of \$1000.00 pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, *15 U.S.C. 1692k*,
19. Actual damages,
20. Costs and reasonable attorneys' fees pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, *15 U.S.C. 1692k*
21. Any other relief that this Honorable Court deems appropriate.

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

Plaintiff, TEIA THOMAS, requests a jury trial in this case.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

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VERIFICATION OF COMPLAINT AND CERTIFICATION

STATE OF OHIO

Plaintiff, TEIA THOMAS, states the following:

1. I am the Plaintiff in this civil proceeding.
2. I have read the above-entitled civil Complaint prepared by my attorneys and I believe that all of the facts contained in it are true, to the best of my knowledge, information and belief formed after reasonable inquiry.
3. I believe that this civil Complaint is well grounded in fact and warranted by existing law or by a good faith argument for the extension, modification or reversal of existing law.
4. I believe that this civil Complaint is not interposed for any improper purpose, such as to harass any Defendant(s), cause unnecessary delay to any Defendant(s), or create a needless increase in the cost of litigation to any Defendant(s), named in the Complaint.
5. I have filed this Complaint in good faith and solely for the purposes set forth in it.
6. Each and every exhibit I have provided to my attorneys which has been attached to this Complaint is a true and correct copy of the original.
7. Except for clearly indicated redactions made by my attorneys where appropriate, I have not altered, changed, modified or fabricated these exhibits, except that some of the attached exhibits may contain some of my own handwritten notations.

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746(2), I, TEIA THOMAS, hereby declare (or certify, verify or state) under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

3-22-10

Date

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